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SENATOR MURPHY: I wonder if Senator Schmit would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I yield.

SENATOR MURPHY: I rise in defense of the average working man who today is contributing .35¢ out of every dollar he makes to support his various levels of government that seem quite replete with heros at times and I wonder if Senator Schmit truly is fond of his family; because if he is and, of course, we with two children, look upon Loran, if I may, as kind of a one man population explosion, but nonetheless, if Senator Schmit would do the best thing he could for his family today and abandon them, under today's welfare program as we have it on our books and which will not be eliminated in the event we do not pass something richer, but under the present program his family would receive a \$30 increase in take home pay. Under Senator Chambers' bill they would have received about a 30% increase in take home pay and under Mr. Schmit's bill they would receive about a \$60 take home pay if I interpret all the graphs and charts properly so I appeal to Senator Schmit to do the honest thing and leave home.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I don't know if that was a question or a lecture, but delivered in true banker fashion to this poor farmer, I would like to respond that I think it takes--

PRESIDENT: Briefly--

SENATOR SCHMIT: --the courage of a banker to comment upon my ability to support my family and I am proud of the fact that I have 10 children and I think also that Senator Murphy has made a point and a valid one but one which can be disputed many times, that people willingly, deliberately and many times perhaps with malice aforethought, abandon their families. I don't think it happens. I think that again, time after time after time those of us who are in a position to do something about things, stick our head in the sand and let the wind blow. You know it's no disgrace to be born poor, it's no disgrace to die poor. In between times, we'd like to think we have to scratch for a living and I think that most of us--and most people, most people, do try to support their families. Those who do not--you're not going to change if you pass 235 or all the bills in this Legislature and I think that at this time we're, we're begging the point when we talk about what could happen if we tried to bring my family or any other man's family into this discussion.

PRESIDENT: That was Senator Schmit speaking on a point of personal privilege and the Chair next recognizes Senator Duis. We still have before us the Carpenter motion to the Snyder motion on 235.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. It may be possible that we might be able to take care of this entire situation for a holding action without any of these amendments. I'm questioning the fact that 235 needs an A bill and the 235A is not up there on final reading and if I interpret correctly, if it needs an A bill that 235 should remain there until an A bill catches up with it. Now if this be the case, let's do it that way instead of having all these amendments and then when the A bill catches up there, we can proceed from there as to any other type of motions we would like to have.

(End of Belt #7)